

Think globally, act locally...

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

College Park, a leader in recycling and reducing waste, conducts its own recycling program independently of Prince George's County. That way, our City's program is more convenient, more efficient, and more cost effective. Let's keep this tradition going strong.

Make recycling a habit! Here are answers to frequently asked questions:

Does the City recycle paper? Yes, and it is required by Ordinance. Newspaper, magazines, computer paper, junk mail, envelopes, phone books, shoe boxes, paperback books, even cereal boxes (with inner linings removed). Put them in paper bags or tie them with string, and leave them out on recycling pick-up day!

What do I do with old phone books? Simple. Just recycle them with your other paper.

What about corrugated cardboard? Just flatten it out and bundle it along with your other paper waste.

What paper isn't recycled? Waxed cardboard materials, plastic coated paper bags, pizza boxes, and thermal fax paper. If in doubt, leave it out.

Does the City accept grass clippings?

Yes, but why not leave them on the lawn, or start a compost pile? Grass clippings provide nitrogen and other fertilizer nutrients for your lawn if left there. Otherwise, bag your grass clippings, preferably using paper lawn bags and put them outside with your regular trash.

Will the City pick up brush? Small bundles of brush tied with rope or string are often picked up with your other trash. Otherwise, make an appointment by calling 301-474-4194. Please don't leave items that are more than 5 feet long or more than 75 pounds in weight.

How do I recycle leaves? In the fall, rake leaves to the curb in neat piles, away from cars and street drains. Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris. Collection dates will be posted in your neighborhood. If you bag your leaves, please use paper lawn bags which can be composted along with the leaves. Put bagged leaves at the curb on your regular trash collection day, when they will be picked up by the recycling truck.

What about my Christmas tree?

Remove all the decorations and place the tree at curb. Collection dates in January will be announced.

Which bottles and jars are recycled?

Rinsed, unbroken glass bottles and jars. Plastic bottles and containers with HDPE #1 or #2 symbol. Steel, plastic, and aluminum beverage or food cans, plastic milk jugs, detergent and shampoo bottles. Please remove all caps and lids!

What about metal? Metal cans used for food products are fine. But please rinse them well and remove the lids. Don't put metal containers used for oil, pesticides, paint, flammable liquids or other hazardous materials into the recycling bin (or into the trash!)

Should I recycle motor oil or trash it?

Neither! Motor oil is only accepted at College Park's Public Works Facility. You may deposit your motor oil there at any time, day or night.

Where can I take hazardous waste?

Items such as pool chemicals, pesticides, oil-based paints, automobile fluids or batteries, acids, photographic chemicals, propane tanks, and fire extinguishers can be taken to Brown Station Landfill.

Computers or electronics? CPU's, printers, keyboards, as well as TV's, radios, fax machines, and other kinds of electronic equipment can be recycled at the Brown Station Recycling Pad on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

What about heavy appliances? Items such as dishwashers, clothes washers, refrigerators, hot water heaters, radiators, and other heavy items can be picked up at the curb on Thursdays and Fridays, but only by special appointment. Please don't put these items on the curb without first calling 301-474-4194 to schedule a pick up (you may be fined).

What doesn't the City recycle? Our Dept. of Public Works does not accept light bulbs, broken glass, mirrors, plastic toys, styrofoam, plastic wrap or bags, plastic utensils or salad bar containers, flower pots, aluminum foil, scrap metal, clothes hangers, pots and pans, pizza boxes, wax-coated cardboard, hardback books, hazardous materials, automobile batteries or fluids. See our brochure "College Park Recycling at a Glance" for places that recycle many of these items.

Can I get free City compost? You can pick up free unscreened compost at Davis Hall (5 cu. yards per resident), or you can buy SmartLeaf® compost, which is made from local yard and lawn waste (all compost passed thru $\frac{1}{2}$ inch screen). Delivery can be arranged for a nominal fee. Call 301-474-4194 for information.

Must I move my toters to the curb? Generally, yes. And you must remove them from view within 24 hours. However, any household with no one physically able to move refuse and recycling bins to and from the curb may request backdoor pickups. For more information, call 301-474-4194.

**Make recycling a way of life.
It's easy!**

For More Information

Please refer to our brochure
"College Park Recycling at a Glance"
or contact these agencies:

College Park Dept. of Public Works
9217 51st Avenue
College Park, MD 20740
301-474-4914

University of Maryland ECO Center
Paint Branch Parkway
301-405-0927

Prince George's County
Waste Reduction Section
9400 Capricorn Place, Suite 210-C
Largo, MD 20774
301-883-5045

Prince George's County
Brown Station Landfill & Recycling Pad
Upper Marlboro, MD
301-952-7610 or 301-627-1611

Are You Recycling?



A Guide For Residents Who Care About Our Environment



This brochure was prepared for College Park Residents as a volunteer project of the Committee For A Better Environment (CBE).

For information about CBE and our activities, please visit www.ci.college-park.md.us or call the City Clerk at 301-864-8666.